8/4/2022

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49770
231-242-1400

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about August 20, 2022 the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians will submit a request to the HUD Eastern Woodlands Office of Native Americans Program for the release of IHBG Competitive Program FY 2021 funds under Title I of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, as amended, to undertake a project known as Mtiwigwakiis Village Housing Expansion - New Construction for the purpose of constructing up to 38 rental units at Mtiwigwakiis Village (an existing Tribal Housing site, located on trust land). The Project cost is estimated at $6,754,860, which includes $5,000,000 in funding from HUD.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI and may be examined or copied weekdays 9 A.M to 5 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Environmental Services Department. All comments received by August 20, 2022 will be considered by the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.
ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians certifies to the HUD Eastern Woodlands Office of Native Americans Program (ONAP) that Regina Gasco Bentley in her capacity as Tribal Chairperson consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. Eastern Woodland ONAP’s approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians to use Program funds.

OBSERVATIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The HUD Eastern Woodlands Office of Native Americans Program (ONAP) will accept objections to its release of funds and the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians; (b) the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD Eastern Woodlands Office of Native Americans Program (ONAP); or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD Eastern Woodland ONAP administration office at the Ralph H. Metcalfe Federal Building, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Room 2404, Chicago, Illinois 60604-3507. Potential objectors should contact HUD Eastern Woodland ONAP to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Little Traverse Bay Bands Certifying Officer: Regina Gasco Bentley, LTBB Tribal Chairperson

[Signature] 8-4-2023

Date